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Microsoft is guilty.
Please repeat that as a mantra while you look over the proposed settlement.

Guilty people should not be rewarded for their crime.

1. Microsoft ran companies out of business so they could take over the market. We can't "punish" them by sending their software into the schools.

We must correct the market. We create the market with our laws about patents and trademarks. Microsoft took advantage of that so we should take away their right to those patents and trademarks.

2. Because of the actions of Microsoft, they have very few business competitors. They would make you an offer you can't refuse. You either sold out to them or they put your product into the next version of the operating system and put you out of business. Now their only real competitor is the freeware stuff such as Apache, Perl, and Linux. These non-business entities are cut out of the proposed settlement that says Microsoft only has to share its APIs with "legitimate" businesses. Change it to M\$ must share the APIs with everyone and you just might protect the freedom required for a good market.

Punish the guilty. Don't reward them.

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